

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING REPORT 2015-2016

The County continues to be represented mainly by Reading Royals but Bracknell continues although as a much smaller club. Reading Royals have again collected medals at all competitions and have a large number of swimmers selected into the England Senior, Junior, Talent and development squads. Katie Dawkins continues to coach the Great Britain duet and teams with assistant to the clubs current Head Coach Kelly Ann Russell.

Reading Royals Recreational 9-12 took a Silver medal at the Multi-regional Competition to start the competitive season off. The 12 & under team collected Gold and the Competitive strand with the 13/14 team Silver and many individual medals too.

The biggest competition of the year is held in December, the National Age Group Competition. Again Reading Royals did well. In the 12 & Under age group Mimi Grey collected the Gold medal in figures, solo, duet and team, the second year she has achieved this. Isabel Blinkhorn took the Silver in figures, solo and duet joining Mimi in the team gold. Anna Welland came a very creditable 5th in the 13-15 age group as a young 13 year old she is one to watch in the future. Mimi Gray paired with Alyssa Bassinger to collect her Gold duet medal with Isabel and Eleanor Blinkhorn collecting the Silver in the 12 & under with Harriet Smith and Abigail Taylor collecting the Bronze medal in the 13/14 age group. In the 15-18 age group Emma Critchley collected the Bronze medal in figures but improved to collect a Silver medal for her solo. The 12 and under team collected Gold and our second development team of swimmers 10 and under swam strongly to come 11th but gaining experience in their first major competition ready to improve for 2016. The 13/14 team collected the Silver medal and the 15-18 team came 6th.

On the back of results at this competition many of Reading's swimmers have been selected into National squads. Emma Critchley was selected to swim in the GB Junior duet and in the GB Senior team. She then joins Hannah Mulshaw and swims with the GB Junior Squad too. Isobel Blinkhorn, Harriet Smith, Abigail Taylor, Mimi Grey, Alyssa Bassinger, Anna Welland, and Isobel Turrell were selected to swim in the England Development Squad competing during the summer and Eleanor Blinkhorn has been selected to train with the England Development Squad. Mimi Gray and Alyssa Bassinger have been selected to swim as an England Development duet along with Harriet Smith and Abigail Taylor training to swim at International Competitions in the summer.

We have also as a club had 5 coaches pass their level 1 coaching course this year.

Katie Clark returned from retirement to gain a GB Olympic duet place with her partner Olivia Federici and have just been announced as the duet pair competing at the Rio Olympics in 2016, very exciting for the sport!

Bracknell have continued with a smaller number of swimmers who are planning to compete at the Reading Novice Competition. They have difficulties providing pool time with the number of swimmers participating. Hopefully this can be address over the next year.

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1/6/2016

RESULTS

GB Senior Olympic Duet; Katie Clark

GB Junior Duet; Emma Critchley

GB Junior Team; Emma Critchley, Hannah Mulshaw

England Age Group Team; Isobel Blinkhorn, Harriette Smith, Abigail Taylor, Mimi Gray, Alyssa Bassinger, Anna Welland, Isobel Turrell.

England Development Squad; Eleanor Blinkhorn

Multi Regional Recreation Competition 18th October 2015

Figures;	12Under;	1 st Mimi Gray	2 nd Alyssa Bassinger	3 rd Isobel Blinkhorn
	13/14;	4 th Terri- Faye Cooper	5 th Harriet Smith	6 th Anna Welland
Solo;	12Under	1 st Mimi Gray	2 nd Alyssa Bassinger	4 th Isobel Blinkhorn
Duet	12Under	1 st Mimi Gray/ Alyssa Bassinger	2 nd Isobel and Eleanor Blinkhorn	
	13/14	2 nd Harriet Smith / Abigail Taylor	3 rd Isobel Turrell / Terri-Faye Coupar	
		4 th Anna Welland / Cerys Larsen		
Team	12Under	Gold	6 th Reading Royals J	
	13/14	Silver		
	15/17	4 th Reading Royals		

National Age Groups; 4-6th December

12U Recreational Team; 5th place

Figures;	12U	1 st Mimi Gray	2 nd Isobel Blinkhorn	4 th Alyssa Bassinger
	13/14	5 th Harriet Smith	6 th Anna Welland	
	15-17	3 rd Emma Critchley		
Solo	12U	1 st Mimi Gray	2 nd Isobel Blihorn	4 th Alyssa Bassinger
		5 th Eleanor Blinkhorn		
	13/15	5 th Anna Welland		
	15/18	2 nd Emma Critchley		
Duet	12U	1 st Mimi Gray/ Alyssa Bassinger	2 nd Isobel and Eleanor Blinkhorn	
	13/14	3 rd Harriet Smith/ Abigail Taylor	6 th Isobel Turrell/ Terri-Faye Coupar	
		7 th Anna Welland / Cerys Larsen		
Team	12U	Gold	11 th Team J (development squad)	
	13/14	Silver		
	15-18	6 th place		

British Championships April 2016

Figures; Emma Critchley 4th

Solos; Emma Critchley Silver

Team Combination; Bronze

European Championships May 2016 (Katie Clark and Emma Critchley)

Team Free (Emma and Katie); 8th

Team Combination (Emma and Katie) 8th

Tech Duet (Katie Clark) 9th Free Duet (Katie Clark) 8th

Novice Competition taking place 18th June 2016